

# Newsletter 18 (2020-21)

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Parents,

Another wonderful week has nearly finished as I write this edition of the Newsletter. The sun is shining and we have had a good day. What more could we ask for? Going back to normal, freely missing with our friends, enjoying a meal out of our homes, going on holiday, etc. etc.! One day all this will pass and things will become the new normal but, in the meantime, we do have to remain careful and safe until the majority of the population have been vaccinated.

We do not know the full extent of the impact three LockDowns have had on all of us, let alone the children. We are keeping a very close eye on how they react and behave at school as coming back after many weeks of on-line learning is going to be difficult.

Enthusiastic playing, being upset about matters that would normally have been ignored or dealt with differently, etc. have all been exhibited over the last two weeks. I suppose this is a normality that we need to get used to as well. However, I am confident with continued support from both home and school, our wonderful children will continue to thrive and look positively towards the future.

Please listen carefully to your children if they talk about things happening at school but, I would ask, do so with a cautious ear. Think, is this the full story? We are always here to listen so, if you are worried about anything, please give us a call or e-mail so we can sort everything out.

We are looking carefully to see if there are gaps in learning – possibly through topics omitted during LockDown and will report these to you in our upcoming Parent Teacher meetings after Easter.

## PTA News

On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank the PTA Committee for working tirelessly on the behalf of us all to raise money in fun and innovative ways.

**Special Interest for Nursery, Reception and All New Parents:** "The PTA would like to invite all Nursery, Reception and any other new families to a Zoom call to find out what the St Saviour's PTA is all about..... . It's a chance for you to learn why we fundraise, how we do it and how school families typically get involved. The call will take place on **Monday 29th March at 20:30**, starting with a brief presentation followed by a Q&A session. Call details will be circulated by Class Reps nearer the time. We would like to take this opportunity to also mention that there are empty Class Rep positions in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 3 and now would be a great time to join us."

## Charity Committee – Easter Raffle

The Charity Committee is really pleased to have sold £449 worth of tickets for their Easter raffle which will be drawn on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale until next Friday (26<sup>th</sup>) and the draw will take place at 2:00 p.m.

The children on the Charity Committee (Aalyiah, Leon, Elli-Mae, Laila, Macey, Shae, Carlotta) have decided that the money raised will be donated to The Make a Wish Foundation which supports children with a terminal illness. Tickets can be purchased on ParentMail. Good luck!

### **A Vote of Confidence from Louisa to Miss Strange!**

Thank you so much to Louisa in Year Three for nominating Miss Strange for a special award in her favourite magazine, "The Week Junior". Louisa's nomination reads: "Miss Strange has been the most supportive and caring teacher for our Year Three during this challenging time for us. One of the great ideas she came up with was Golden Time on Zoom with a 10-minute quiz. It was so much fun!"

Well done to Miss Strange on this unique award – well done indeed!

### **A Request from The Nursery:**

We want to create a special area in the Nursery basement for building and storing Duplo models. If you have any IKEA Kallax (2x2 or 1x4) or Trofast units that you want to find a new home for, please speak to us! We would also be interested in any spare rugs or foam mats that you might have. Thank you!

### **Messages From Miss Hodgson:**

#### **Westminster Faith Exchange Art Competition Winners!**

We are so proud of the children who entered and were selected as winners in the Westminster Faith Exchange's Art & Poetry Competition. They will be attending an online presentation ceremony next week - very exciting! Well done to:

**Katie Stevens (Nursery)**

**Violet Skinner (Year 6)**

**Charlie Broaders (Year 6)**

**Ellie-Mai Noone (Year 6)**

Several children were also entered in the Westminster City Lions Virtual Art Gallery competition and we're proud to announce several successful entrants from St. Saviour's.

Congratulations go to.....

Arnica (Year 2)

Carlota (Year 6)

Ellie-Mai (Year 6)

Macey (Year 6)

You can see their work (& that of other entrants) here: <https://citylions.org/students/creative-collective-virtual-gallery/>

#### **Interested in entering the City Lions Gallery competition?**

There's still a little bit of time left for Miss Hodgson to enter you for a chance to be included in the Virtual Gallery and possibly displayed in the famous Saatchi Gallery at the end of the project.

You will need to bring your art work in on MONDAY 21st March. Your piece will need to be named (on the back) and include your age. Hand your artwork to your class teacher who will pass it on to Miss Hodgson.

Themes for your artwork:

"We are looking for original artworks of any kind, this could be audio clips, short films, poems, paintings, drawing that are related to the following themes: "

**Lockdown   Resilience and hope   Community   Black Lives Matter**



### **Stars of the Week – They're Back!**

**Nursery:** Summer, you are the Star of the Week because we have all been SO impressed with how well you have settled back into Nursery! You were amazing during our Phonics sessions and Maths activities. You can read so many words now! It has been lovely to see you have so much fun in Nursery and using all of the wonderful learning that did at home. Well done Summer!

**Reception:** Well done to all our Reception children for having such a great second week back. We love working with you!

**Year One:** Our star of the week is Skye! This week, we have been particularly impressed with all her hard work in literacy. She created some great definitions for Beegu's alien words. Well done, Skye!

**Year Two:** Stefanos has had a brilliant week. His multiplication using arrays was fantastic! Thank you for always being so kind and hardworking. Well done!

**Year Three:** Congratulations Ella! You are our Star of the Week for your excellent attitude to learning this week. You have gone above and beyond in maths by challenging yourself with complex multiplications and your writing has impressed both of your teachers in Year Three. What a superstar! Keep up the good work.

**Year Four:** Everyone in the class for being so amazing!

**Year Five:** Joe has had a great start to the return to School. He has been fully engaged, working hard, producing quality work and with a big smile on his face. Fantastic! Keep it up!

**Year Six:** Year six star of the week is Charlie. Charlie has had another great week and her contribution in class in all subjects has been outstanding. Her extra research in PSHE for mental health impressed us all. Well done Charlie!

### **This Week's Friday TryDay:**

This week, we tried Crispy Tofu which is a plant based protein that is perfect for vegetarians and vegans but also very tasty for others who enjoy meat. Miss Rogers helped me to coat small cubes in cornflour, paprika, garlic granules, salt and pepper before shallow frying them. The general opinion was that it was well received by most and enjoyed by many!

I hope you have a restful weekend and keep safe,

With love and best wishes,

Ms. Woodford xxx